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In re application of: Bernhard Arnold et al.  
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Title: SCREWED CONNECTION

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Dear Sir or Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Bernhard Arnold et al., entitled "SCREWED CONNECTION" filed August 16, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.